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WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

Monday, March 20, 1911.



WORCESTER SS.

To any Constable of the Town of Douglas, in the County of Worcester.

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Douglas, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the town hall, East Douglas, in said Douglas, on Monday the twentieth day of March current, at six o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

Article 1. To elect a moderator, a town clerk, a town treasurer, six constables, a tax collector, an agent on Devises of Moses Wallis, ten highway surveyors, one for each district, a tree warden, an auditor, all for a term of one year, also one selectman, one assessor, one overseer of the poor, one water commissioner, three members of the school committee, one trustee of the public library, one town cemetery commissioner, all for a term of three years, and to vote Yes or No on the question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town the ensuing year."

ART. 2. To choose all other necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 3. To hear the reports of the town officers and outstanding committees and act thereon.

ART. 4. To raise by tax and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for support of poor, for schools, for debts and interest, for salary of superintendent of schools, for maintaining street lights, for fire protection, for exterminating browntail and gypsy moths, for salaries of town officers, and for other contingent expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for making and repairing highways and town ways for the ensuing year and order the same assessed upon polls and estates of residents and non-residents as other town charges are assessed.

ART. 6. To determine the time when poll and other taxes shall be collected, or act in any manner in relation thereto.

ART. 7. To see what disposition the town will make of the dog fund.

ART. 8. To see if the town will vote to pay the members of the hose company the sum of eight dollars each for their services the ensuing year, the organization and control of said company to be under the supervision of the fire engineers.

ART. 9. To see of what number the acting superintending school committee shall consist and what their compensation shall be.

ART. 10. To see if the town will vote to contract with the Worcester Suburban Electric Co. for street lighting the ensuing year, or act in any manner in relation thereto.

ART. 11. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the relief of disabled soldiers and their families.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to Samuel Sibley Post, G. A. R., for charitable purposes, under the provisions of Chapter 25, Section 15, of the revised laws.

ART. 13. To see what salary the town will pay its tax collector the ensuing year.

ART. 14. To see what price the town will pay for teams and labor on the highways the ensuing year.

ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes of the current year and to be paid therefrom.

ART. 16. To see what sums of money the town will raise and appropriate for constructing and repairing sidewalks and under whose supervision it shall be expended.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to pay twenty-five dollars for repair of town clock, so called, to be paid from the contingent fund.

ART. 18. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the Simon Fairfield Public Library.

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote the sum of one hundred dollars to Lambert B. Simons Camp, 123, S. V., for defraying expenses for Memorial Day.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to be used on the highways under supervision of the selectmen, or act or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for the grading of the school-house lot in East Douglas.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to sell the town gravel pit, so called, adjoining Lemuel Cunliff's land, and authorize Willie R. Wallis to give deed thereof in the name of the inhabitants.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Chap. 452 of the Acts and Resolves of 1908, entitled "An Act to authorize Certain Towns to appropriate Money for Watering their Public Streets."

ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to act in conjunction with the town of Sutton in prohibiting fishing through the ice on Manchaug Pond for the term of two years.

ART. 25. To see if the town will authorize its overseers of the poor to build a silo on the town farm, to cost not exceeding \$125.00, and will raise and appropriate said sum therefor.

ART. 26. To see if the town will vote to pay the members of the Fire King Engine Co. the sum of three hundred and twenty dollars for services rendered from April 1, 1910 to April 1, 1911.

The polls may close at two o'clock.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Office in East Douglas, at the Post Office in Douglas Center ten days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this sixth day of March, in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

W. R. WALLIS,
W. S. SCHUSTER,
W. L. CHURCH,

Selectmen of Douglas.

Report of the Selectmen.

For the fiscal year ending March 1, 1911, the Selectmen have drawn orders on the Town Treasurer amounting to \$42,205 88, of which \$13,166.56 was for water works account, leaving \$29,039.32 drawn for other town expenses as follows:

Highways, ten districts, Appropriation	\$2000 00	....	\$2,398 42
Road drag		.....	30 00
Repairing scraper		.....	2 35
Stone road, Centreville, Appropriation	\$3000 00	....	4,690 92
Schools and Transportation,	"	5500 00	.... 6908 11
Books and supplies,	"	400 00	.... 428 97
Superintendent,	"	360 00	.... 679 98
Repairs,	"	300 00	.... 524 58
Support of poor,	"	1500 00	.... 1,854 95
Members Fire Co., 1909-1910,	"	320 00	.... 320 00
Hose house, cost and incidentals,	"	200 00	.... 176 65
Street lighting,	"	1600 00	.... 1,474 65
Debts and interest,	"	1600 00	.... 2,400 00
Band, Memorial Day,	"	100 00	.... 100 00
G. A. R. Post,	"	150 00	.... 125 00
Soldiers' relief,	"	100 00	.... 232 00
School physician,	"	50 00	.... 50 00
Moths,	"	100 00	.... 46 78
State Aid		.....	692 00
County tax		.....	1,314 00
State, one-fourth license money		.....	1,000 25
			<hr/>
			\$25,449 61

Contingent appropriation.....	\$500 00	
Cattle inspection	\$54 75	
Meat inspection	24 89	
Fire hose	350 00	
Refund, cost original survey and interest.	244 76	
Assessors	359 11	
Tree warden	190 10	
Forest fires	434 49	
Town Hall and Engine Hall	155 64	
Election expenses	120 75	
Returning births and deaths	27 25	
Town clerk	111 90	
Printing and stationery	175 54	
Tax collector, salary	203 25	
Abatements	63 19	
Contagious diseases	274 59	
Registrars	65 00	
Salaries other town officers	508 33	
Watching, July 3 and 4	10 00	
Belt for crusher	37 00	
Board of Health	3 00	
Sealer weights	9 37	
Burial indigent soldier	37 00	
Perambulating town line	7 00	
Janitor Town Hall and Engine Hall	36 00	
Care of watering trough	5 00	
Cleaning street	50	
Dog officer	10 00	
Mowing cemetery	15 00	
Inspecting boiler	5 00	
E. P. Heath expenses and services Aldrich case	10 00	
W. F Hall, auditor	41 30	
	<hr/>	\$3,589 71
		<hr/>
		\$29,039 32

STATE AID.

Joseph T. Arnold	\$60 00
Mrs. Charles H. Barton	48 00
Mrs. Elmer H. Balcome	24 00
Horace Belding	48 00
Mrs. William H. Cook	48 00
Charles E. Green	72 00

Christopher Gazette	\$72 00	
Mrs. William H. Marshall	48 00	
John P. Otis	36 00	
Joseph Quinn	12 00	
Chandler Titus	48 00	
Mrs. Leander Thompson	4 00	
Charles A. Whipple	48 00	
Dorris B. Young	4 00	
Mrs. Elisha McKenney	48 00	
Wellington Balcome	72 00	
	<hr/>	\$692 00

W. R. WALLIS,
W. S. SCHUSTER,
W. L. CHURCH,

Selectmen of Douglas.

Treasurer's Report.

WALTER E. SCHUSTER, Treasurer

1910		CR.
Apr. 4.	Selectmen's orders, 835 to 852	\$1,283 10
	E. P. Heath, court money	10 75
	Herbert E. Hughes, "	18 28
	Frank E. Smith, "	18 21
	Poor, H. D. Mowry, money returned from state	45 30
May 2.	Selectmen's orders, 853 to 879	3,132 96
June 6.	" " 880 to 895	4,888 35
	Frank E. Jones, coal, library order 1.	122 50
21.	E. P. Heath, collector 1909 tax abatement, selectmen's order 907	57 94
27.	C. J. Batcheller, library order 2	100 00
July 5.	Selectmen's orders, 896 to 905	628 10
	E. P. Heath, collector 1909 tax abatement, selectmen's order 907	5 25
	Selectmen's orders, 908 to 915	1,592 66
	Joseph Foster, court money	19 79
Aug. 1.	Selectmen's orders, 916 to 928	1,154 90
Sept. 1.	Expense collecting check	10
6.	Selectmen's orders, 930 to 945	2,799 38
12.	E. P. Heath, collector abatements	18 90
Oct. 3.	Selectmen's orders, 947 to 963	2,501 52
	H. E. Hughes, court money	9 30
	E. P. Heath, " "	16 01
	J. B. Howard, " "	18 54

Nov. 7.	Selectmen's orders, 965 to 975	\$1,294 16
16.	State treasurer, state tax.	2,035 00
	Repair state highways	106 50
17.	H. D. Mowry, poor, money returned by state	32 40
Dec. 5.	Selectmen's orders, 976 to 987	1,841 14

1911

Jan. 2.	E. P. Heath, tax discounts to November 1	286 29
	“ “ “ abatements to December 16	77 24
	“ “ “ inhabitants of Douglas	25 92
	J. B. Howard, court money	24 21
	E. P. Heath, “ “	11 44
	Selectmen's orders, 988 to 998	2,482 63
16.	Library order, C. J. Batcheller, 3	153 06
27.	H. D. Mowry, overseer, money returned by state	52 65
Feb. 6.	Selectmen's orders, 999 to 1013	1,508 81
18.	E. P. Heath, collector, costs in B. F. Aldrich case, 1907 tax	139 40
	E. P. Heath, collector, costs, Prudence Whipple case, 1910 tax	25 00
27.	E. P. Heath, collector tax abatements	25 36
	Selectmen's orders, 1015 to 1038	2,826 66
28.	E. P. Heath, collector, 1909 tax overpaid	1 30
	Selectmen's order 1040	1,044 76
	E. P. Heath, collector, 1910 tax abatements	26 73
	By cash March 1, 1911, in hands of treasurer and in bank	7,919 60
		<hr/> \$40,382 10

1910

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Mar. 1.	Cash on hand	\$8,740 48
10.	Fire damages, N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co.	111 03
	State treasurer, check sent Gardner Southwick, deer damage	8 00
17.	State treasurer, sick paupers	\$22 30
	temporary aid	8 00
	burial paupers	15 00
		<hr/> 45 30
28.	E. P. Heath, collector taxes No. 18, 1909 taxes	78 00
Apr. 1.	A. A. Putnam, Justice, court money	12 20
2.	Interest for February	13 46

Apr. 4.	Peddler's license, H. S. Hewett No. 110, expires April 2, 1911	\$8 00
	E. P. Heath, collector taxes No. 19, 1909 taxes.	331 60
7.	W. A. Washburn, Keeper of Jail and House of Correction, Worcester	16 00
29.	Joseph Labelle & Co., 1st and 4th class licenses	2,000 00
30.	Amos Goodness, 3 pool and 1 billiard table license	20 00
May 2.	J. T. Derham, 1st and 4th class licenses...	2,000 00
	E. E. Young, undertaker's license	1 00
	W. H. Herendeen, auctioneer's license.	2 00
	F. H. Smith, auctioneer's license	2 00
	Joseph Fieres, junk license, one-half payment	10 00
	E. P. Heath, auctioneer's license	2 00
	F. Bowen, undertaker's license	1 00
4.	H. C. Holden, druggist's license	1 00
	Interest for March	13 53
6.	Oliver Tranque, pool license	5 00
	Town of Dudley, Paul Stocki case.....	68 46
June 1.	Interest for April	14 30
6.	City of Boston, tuition	22 00
	Joseph Fieres, junk license, second half price	10 00
	Edward Kelley, butcher's license.....	1 00
11.	James E. Meehan, 5 nights' use of town hall	15 00
14.	State treas., transport. paupers \$1 20 inspection animals	25 87
		27 07
21.	School tuition, winter term 1909-10, from Leonard pupil, Sutton	7 00
	E. P. Heath, collector, 1909 taxes No. 20..	312 84
July 1.	A. A. Putnam, court money.....	30 27
5.	School tuition, spring term 1909-10, from Leonard pupil, Sutton	7 00
	Interest for May	9 77
	E. P. Heath, collector, 1909 taxes No. 21..	37 38
23.	" " " 1910 " " 1 ..	1,513 00
27.	" " " " " " 2 ..	1,900 00
30.	" " " " " " 3 ..	1,200 00
Aug. 1.	" " " " " " 4 ..	6,300 00
	W. R. Wallis, refund, error billing order No. 914	25 50
	Interest for June	4 33
8.	E. P. Heath, collector, 1910 taxes No. 5 ..	2,034 00

Aug. 8.	Town of Adams, Agnes Fisher case.....	\$ 7 50
12.	State treasurer, support of sick paupers	\$40 25
	temporary aid.....	15 00
	transportation of paupers..	3 60
	contagious diseases	15 00
		<hr/> 73 85
Sept. 1.	Interest for July	18 24
12.	E. P. Heath, collector, 1910 taxes No. 6.	1,375 00
	“ “ “ 1909 “	11 25
Oct. 3.	“ “ “ 1910 “ No. 7.	650 00
	Second District Court of Southern Worcester County, court money.	32 23
	Interest for August.....	21 63
31.	E. P. Heath, collector, 1910 taxes No. 8.	950 00
Nov. 4.	School repairs, 3 half windows of Centre Building	75
	Town hall, rent one night to Joseph Hall..	3 00
	Interest for September.....	17 04
7.	E. P. Heath, collector, 1910 taxes No. 9.	828 20
	Highways No. 3, Henry Jarvis, Selectmen's order No. 948	65 75
9.	Republican Town Committee, hire of Town Hall, November 7	3 00
10.	Peddler's license No. 466 to Barnet I. Seder of Worcester	8 00
16.	State treas., corporation tax P. S. \$120 96	
	corporation tax P. S.	2,051 86
	National Bank tax	187 72
	State aid	871 00
	temporary aid	15 00
	State Board of Charity, transportation of paupers	2 40
	burial of paupers.....	15 00
	High School tuition in spe- cial cases	500 00
		<hr/> 3,763 94
21.	State through Uxbridge, School Superintendent	500 00
Dec. 1.	Interest for October	18 06
1911		
Jan. 2.	E. P. Heath, collector, 1910 taxes No. 10.	1,760 88
	Court return, Second District Court, South- ern Worcester County.	35 54

	County Treasurer, dog fund returned	\$325 56	
	Interest for November	17 24	
24.	Douglas Water Works, interest 4% \$947.60 from Sept. 10, '10	\$14 10	
	Interest 4% \$1296.98 from Dec. 5, 1910	7 07	
		<hr/>	21 17
26.	State Treas., support sick paupers	\$23 45	
	Temporary aid	28 00	
	Transportation paupers	1 20	
		<hr/>	52 65
26.	State Treas., Mass. state school fund	938 41	
27.	Town of Sutton, tuition, winter term, Leon- ard pupil	7 00	
Feb. 1.	Interest for December, 1910	14 62	
18.	Kaiser Estaphen, state license No. 19	8 00	
	Forester's rent of Town Hall to Apr. 1, 1911	120 00	
	E. P. Heath, Collector, 1907 tax, B. F. Aldrich	\$396 70	
		47 60	
		<hr/>	
	Court judgment	\$444 30	
	Interest	27 08	
	Taxable costs, witness fees	30 00	
		<hr/>	501 38
21.	Douglas Water Dept., $\frac{3}{4}$ Henry Jarvis bill \$65.75	\$49 31	
	$\frac{3}{4}$ Jarvis Adams bill \$107.48	80 61	
		<hr/>	129 92
27.	E. P. Heath, Collector, 1910 tax, No. 11	840 36	
	Wm. Jillson, balance of Memorial Day band appropriation, 1910	16 10	
28.	E. P. Heath, Collector, interest taxes 1909	14 30	
	Interest for January	18 28	
	E. P. Heath, Collector, 1910 taxes No. 12	251 73	
	E. E. Young, undertaker's license, 1909	1 00	
		<hr/>	\$40,382 10

Cash on hand March 1, 1911	\$7,919 60
Due from E. B. Knapp, collector, 1896	20 31
“ “ “ 1897	145 67
“ “ “ 1899	229 90
“ “ “ 1900	254 22
“ “ “ 1901	95 07
“ E. P. Heath, “ 1910	602 00
“ State for state aid	692 00
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	\$9,958 77
In trust, Henry Whiting Fund, Peoples Savings Bank, Worcester, for care of cemetery lot	\$114 28
In trust, Sarah E. Scott Fund, Peoples Savings Bank, Worcester, for care of cemetery lot	56 30
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	\$170 58

WALTER E. SCHUSTER, *Town Treasurer.*

Office of WILLIAM FRANKLIN HALL, Accountant,

Exchange Building, Boston, Mass., March 1, 1911.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Town of Douglas, Mass.

GENTLEMEN :—

I have examined the books and accounts of the Town Treasurer and Water Commissioners for the year ending February 28, 1911, and find them to be well kept and in excellent condition.

The taxes are well collected and properly accounted for to the Treasurer.

The cash was verified on this date (March 1, 1911) and found to be as follows :

TOWN TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

On deposit in Shawmut National Bank, as per their statement of February 28, 1911	\$10,557 32
Less :—Checks outstanding, not yet cashed by bank . .	3,707 82
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Balance as per check book	\$6,849 50
Checks in hands of Treasurer	909 10
Cash " "	161 00
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Total cash on hand and in bank, agreeing with balance as required by the cash book	\$7,919 60

WATER COMMISSIONERS ACCOUNT.

On deposit in Old Colony Trust Co., as per their statement of February 28, 1911	\$183 28
Less :—Check outstanding, not yet cashed by bank . .	11 75
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Balance as per check book	\$171 53
Checks in hands of Treasurer	1,173 61
Cash " "	80 31
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Total cash on hand and in bank, agreeing with the balance per cash book	\$1,425 45

Respectfully submitted,

WM. FRANKLIN HALL, C. P. A.

Per A. S. Byrnes.

REPORT OF THE Water Works Construction Committee.

Article 22d of the warrant for the annual town meeting of 1908 was as follows:—

“To see if the town will vote to build or construct a system of water works for domestic and fire purposes, or do anything in relation to the same.”

Under that article the following were appointed as a committee to fully investigate the subject of water works, and report at some future town meeting:—Willie R. Wallis, Winfield S. Schuster, William J. Griffin, William L. Church, James W. Wixtead, Edward N. Jenckes, Frank E. Jones, Frank L. Correll, Herbert N. Lougee and Charles J. Batcheller.

The committee organized by choosing Willie R. Wallis chairman and Charles J. Batcheller, clerk.

A full and free discussion resulted in the employment of Parker, Bateman & Chase, civil engineers, of Clinton, Mass., to make preliminary surveys and estimates of cost of construction.

After a careful inspection of all the sources of supply Engineer Bateman recommended taking the water from driven wells, located on the land of Willie R. Wallis, just north of his mill, pumping the water therefrom to a cement reservoir to be built on land belonging to the estate of Joseph Thompson.

The engineer's survey, briefly described, covered the territory within the following boundaries:—From Willie R. Wallis' to the reservoir, near the Joseph Thompson place; over the river to the Catholic church, the lower village, and thence to the A. F. Brown place, to the Solomon Davis place on the

Uxbridge road, with a second main line from the reservoir passing the J. B. Pine estate to Depot street, and joining the Main street main at the drug store corner, with branches covering all intersecting streets within this territory, making some over five miles of mains.

The estimated cost was \$47,267.00.

At the annual town meeting of 1909 the report of the investigating committee was accepted, the town voted to build the water works on the lines recommended in their report, and the investigating committee was made a building committee.

By a special act of the legislature the town was authorized to issue \$50,000.00 in 4% bonds, payable in thirty years, in annual payments of \$2,000.00 each, the first payment to be in five years from date of issue.

The strong financial condition of the town (being entirely free from debt) was evident in the ready sale of \$40,000.00 of the authorized bond issue to Adams & Co., of Boston, at the high premium of \$1.0453. This year two more bonds have been sold at \$1.0475, to the Old Colony Trust Co., of Boston.

Before the proposed source of supply was accepted by the State Board of Health they required a seven days' continued pumping test in October, 1909, in a very dry period, and that test proved conclusively that we have an abundance of water, and the daily analysis by the State Board during the test pumping showed the water to be of most excellent quality.

The reservoir on Thompson hill, holding 200,000 gallons, is of cement, reinforced with steel rods, and is supposed to be good for all time, increasing in hardness and strength year by year. The elevation is sufficient to give satisfactory pressure for fire protection throughout the entire district.

A careful investigation proved conclusively that electric power to operate the pumps would be the most dependable and also the least expensive, and therefore a contract was made with the Douglas Electric Co. to furnish all needed power for a period of three years, and the experience in operating the plant for several months past has shown the wisdom of the contract.

The street mains have

616 feet of 10-inch pipe,
17951.5 feet of 8-inch pipe,
12578.5 feet of 6-inch pipe,
400 feet of 2-inch pipe.

Fifty-three public and one private hydrants are ready for service, furnishing a most excellent fire protection to all parts of the village.

The building committee considered their duties embraced the erecting of the pumping station, the driving and testing the wells, the building and filling the storage reservoir, the laying the street mains, and the placing of the hydrants, leaving the system ready for instant use for fire protection, and ready for the Water Commissioners to make house connections for domestic uses. These acknowledged duties being completed, your committee, in asking release from further service, congratulate the town in now possessing a water system second to none, and constructed several thousands of dollars under the engineer's estimates.

WILLIE R. WALLIS, *Chairman*,

CHARLES J. BATCHELLER, *Clerk*.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THEIR RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

RECEIPTS

1909

Dec.	15.	To received from Adams & Co. for forty \$1,000 bonds, at \$1.0453	\$41,812 00
		Adams & Co., accrued interest,	
1910		5 mos., 15 days, at 4 %...	733 33
Mar.	1.	Interest on deposit.....	83 93
			<hr/> \$42,629 26

1910

Sept.	13.	To received cash rebate on machinery	\$78 00
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1911

Jan.	6.	Old Colony Trust Co. for two \$1,000 bonds, at \$1.0475 and accrued interest	2,097 00
Mar.	1.	Interest on deposits	70 74
		Interest from town of Douglas	50 79

Mar.	1.	Bills receivable	\$183 87	
		Cash rebate on machinery . . .	78 00	
			<u> </u>	\$2,558 40
		Total receipts		<u><u>\$45,187 66</u></u>

EXPENDITURES

1910				
Mar.	1.	By paid engineering	\$1,303 02	
1911				
Mar.	1.	Engineering	591 08	
			<u> </u>	\$1,894 10
1910				
Mar.	1.	Land for reservoir	\$50 00	
		Land for wells and pumping station	367 50	
			<u> </u>	417 50
1910				
Mar.	1.	Hydrants, valves, gates, and boxes	\$1,959 29	
1911				
Mar.	1.	Hydrants, valves, gates, and boxes	\$155 91	
			<u> </u>	2,115 20
1910				
Mar.	1.	Pipe and fittings for street mains	\$15,786 66	
1911				
Mar.	1.	Pipe and fittings for street mains	\$82 89	
			<u> </u>	15,869 55
1910				
Mar.	1.	Pipe laying	\$4,083 58	
1911				
Mar.	1.	Pipe laying	4,146 09	
		Pipe laying (not yet paid) . . .	218 30	
			<u> </u>	8,447 97
1910				
Mar.	1.	Driven wells		629 35
1910				
Mar.	1.	By paid for cement reservoir.	\$4,521 28	
1911				
Mar.	1.	Reservoir (not yet paid).	\$3 00	
			<u> </u>	4,524 28

1910			
Mar.	1.	Pumping station	\$2,277 03
1911			
Mar.	1.	Pumping station	\$680 61
		Pumping station (not yet paid)	35 69
			<u>\$2,993 33</u>
1910			
Mar.	1.	Electric motors	793 80
		Rebate on motors	115 10
			<u>\$678 70</u>
1911			
Mar.	1.	Pumps	\$2,955 04
1910			
Mar.	1.	Miscellaneous	\$474 34
1911			
Mar.	1.	Miscellaneous	85 76
		Miscellaneous (not yet paid) .	33 24
			<u>\$593 34</u>
		Total cost of construction of	
		water works	<u>\$41,118 36</u>

SUMMARY

1911			
Mar.	1.	Cash received	\$45,003 79
		Bills receivable	183 87
			<u>\$45,187 66</u>
		Total amount received and due	
1911			
Mar.	1.	Paid for materials and con-	
		struction	\$40,828 13
		Bills to be paid	290 23
			<u>\$41,118 36</u>
		Total amount paid and to be	
		paid	\$41,118 36
		Balance remaining after con-	
		struction	<u>\$4,069 30</u>

WILLIE R. WALLIS, *Chairman.*CHARLES J. BATCHELLER, *Clerk.*

A detail report of last year's receipts and expenditures by the Water Works Committee, printed in the town report of 1910,

showed total receipts of \$42,629.26, with expenditures for construction of \$32,245.85, leaving a balance for construction unexpended of \$10,383.41.

Following is a detail report of receipts and expenditures for this year, ending March 1, 1911 :

RECEIPTS

1910

Mar.	1.	Balance remaining for construction	\$10,383 41
Sept.	13.	To received cash rebate on machinery	\$78 00

1911

Jan.	6.	Old Colony Trust Co. for two \$1,000 bonds, at \$1.0475 and accrued interest	\$2,097 00
		Cash rebate on machinery . .	78 00
Mar.	1.	Interest on money on deposit	70 74
		Interest from town of Douglas	50 79
		Bills receivable	183 87
			<hr/>
			\$2,558 40
Total receipts for construction			<hr/>
			\$12,941 81

EXPENDITURES

1910

ENGINEERING

Mar.	29.	By paid Parker, Bateman & Chase	\$292 45
Sept.	6.	Parker, Bateman & Chase . .	298 63
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			\$591 08

HYDRANTS, VALVES, GATES, AND GATE BOXES

1910

Apr.	4.	Bingham & Taylor, gate boxes	\$49 73
	29.	Ludlow Valve Co., valves . .	58 13
May	19.	Ludlow Valve Co., hydrants	48 05
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			\$155 91

PIPE AND FITTINGS FOR STREET MAINS

1910

Apr.	4.	Fuller Iron Works, specials . .	\$81 75
	29.	" " " " . .	1 14
			<hr/>
			\$82 89

PIPE LAYING

1910

Mar.	29.	J. Morrell, on pipe laying . . .	\$1,995 86	
		“ extra labor	47 04	
July	29.	“ on pipe laying	1,973 27	
1911				
Feb.	21.	“ “ “	\$129 92	
Mar.	1.	“ (not yet paid)	218 30	
				<u>\$4,364 39</u>

PUMPING STATION

1910

Apr.	4.	A. D. Mathewson, gravel roofing	\$63 66	
		Cement foundation for pumps	73 43	
May	31.	B. A. Stockwell, carpenter work	64 70	
June	6.	W. S. Jillson, labor	8 25	
	20.	W. E. Balcome, carpenter work	75 19	
Sept.	6.	Howard G. Ramsey, electric connections, etc.	139 93	
		W. R. Wallis, materials and labor for construction	243 70	
1911				
Feb.	21.	H. N. Lougee, labor and materials	11 75	
Mar.	1.	Bills payable	35 69	
				<u>\$716 30</u>

PUMPS

1910

Mar.	15.	Rumsey & Co., part payment for pumps	\$1,452 52	
July	29.	Rumsey & Co., part payment on pumps.	1,493 48	
Sept.	6.	Rumsey & Co., balance on pumps	9 04	
				<u>\$2,955 04</u>

RESERVOIR

1911

Mar.	1.	Bill payable	\$3 00
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MISCELLANEOUS

1910			
Apr. 29.	Freight on supplies	\$19 77	
June 27.	" " "	1 24	
Aug. 11.	" and express on supplies	5 16	
17.	Express	1 25	
Oct. 15.	Freight	92	
Dec. 15.	"	1 15	
1911			
Feb. 13.	Old Colony Trust Co., legal examination, preparation and selling two bonds	35 10	
	Town of Douglas, interest on money	21 17	
Mar. 1.	Bills to be paid	33 24	
			\$119 00
			\$8,987 61

MOTORS

1911		
Mar. 1.	Less rebate on motors	\$115 10
	Total paid and to be paid for year	\$8,872 51

RECAPITULATION

Total receipts for year (including bills receivable)	\$12,941 81
Paid engineering	\$591 08
Hydrants, valves, gates, and gate boxes	155 91
Pipe and fittings for street mains	82 89
Pipe laying (including \$218.30 to be paid)	4,364 39
Pumping station (including \$35.69 to be paid)	716 30
Pumps	2,955 04
Reservoir (to be paid)	3 00
Miscellaneous (including \$33.24 to be paid)	119 00
	\$8,987 61
Less rebate on motors	115 10
Total expended and to be paid	\$8,872 51
Balance remaining after construction	\$4,069 30

SUMMARY

1911			
Mar.	1.	Cash received	\$12,757 94
		Bills receivable	183 87
			<hr/>
		Total amount received and due	\$12,941 81
1911			
Mar.	1.	Paid for material and construc-	
		tion	\$8,697 38
		Bills to be paid	290 23
			<hr/>
			\$8,987 61
		Less rebate on motors	115 10
			<hr/>
		Total paid and to be paid . . .	\$8,872 51
			<hr/>
		Balance remaining after construction	\$4,069 30
			<hr/> <hr/>

REPORT OF THE Water Commissioners

For Year Ending March 1, 1911.

At a special town meeting held Oct. 18, 1909, the following Water Commissioners were chosen :

CHARLES J. BATCHELLER,	for three years.
WILLIE R. WALLIS.	for two years.
HERBERT N. LOUGEE,	for one year.

The commissioners organized with Willie R. Wallis, chairman and Chas. J. Batcheller, clerk.

In May, 1910, Eugene R. Correll, was engaged as superintendent of the works, and house connecting was at once commenced.

After the most careful investigation, it was decided that the only fair to all and economical method of selling water is by metered service, and while the cost of meters (amounting at the present time to over \$1,000.) was not considered in the original estimate of costs, the commissioners feel in adopting meters they have started the only right way.

The following circular was issued and mailed to all interested persons :

The Water Commissioners of the Town of Douglas, after carefully comparing rates of over twenty towns, have adopted the following as the rates to water takers in this town :

A minimum annual charge of \$9.00 for service not to exceed 25,000 gallons.

A charge of \$1.00 per year for use of Water Meter.

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Payment to be made quarterly.

Of the twenty towns referred to, few have as low rates as the above, and many have much higher.

The town furnish the pipe, dig the trench and lay the pipe to the taker's property line at town's expense,

From the taker's line to a proper place inside the cellar to attach the meter, the charge to the taker will be 8c. per foot for 1" cement lined pipe, with cost price charged for any elbows, bends or couplings it is necessary to use, and in addition 19c per foot for the digging and pipe laying, but this 19c price will hold good only so long as the present contractor remains in town.

All charges for house connections to be paid for in full before water is turned on.

Applicants for water service will please fill out the enclosed blank, and hand or mail the same to either of the commissioners, or to the Supt. of the Pumping Station, Eugene R. Correll.

Connections with the system were made as long as weather conditions would permit, and at the present time there are one hundred and twenty-five water takers, which is considered a very large number for a village of this size to have in so short a time.

The drought of the past season has been the most severe of any in the remembrance of the oldest resident, yet we have had an apparently inexhaustible supply of the purest water.

LABOR AND SUPPLIES IN MAKING HOUSE CONNECTIONS.

1910.

Apr. 4.	By paid H. Mueller Mfg. Co. brass goods,	\$480 83
29.	National Meter Co. meters,	520 00
	H. Mueller Mfg. Co. brass goods,	4 60
June 29.	National Meter Co. meters,	283 30
Dec. 5.	" " " "	520 00
Apr. 4.	Union Meter Co. pipe lining machine, . .	45 00
29.	W. E. Hayward & Co. fittings,	55

June	20.	R. H. Fisher, supplies,	\$ 4 20
	27.	A. E. Dagneu, labor on meter connections, . . .	4 56
July	29.	City Worcester, teaching cement lining, . . .	3 05
Nov.	7.	W. E. Hayward & Co. pipe and labor, . . .	5 77
Dec.	15.	Phillip Bruley, trucking	6 50
		W. R. Wallis, bill of pipe,	533 28
Apr.	4.	J. Morrell, making house connections, . . .	26 48
	29.	" " " " "	13 30
June	20.	" " " " "	36 75
	22.	" " " " "	186 20
	27.	" " " " "	217 73
July	9.	" " " " "	307 94
	29.	" " " " "	91 64
Aug.	3.	Chas. Raguso, " "	19 80
		Frank Yacino, " "	15 60
	27.	Chas. Raguso, " "	16 40
		Lewis Yacino, " "	12 20
Sept.	17.	Lewis Yacino, " "	16 00
		Chas. Raguso, " "	19 20
Oct.	4.	R. Bastone, " "	16 20
		Lewis Yacino, " "	20 20
		Chas. Raguso, " "	23 00
	15.	R. Bastone, " "	19 80
		Chas. Raguso, " "	22 80
		Victor Lemeaux, " "	15 60
		D. Yacino, " "	12 50
Nov.	5.	Chas. Raguso, " "	16 80
		D. Yacino, " "	10 60
		Lewis Yacino, " "	10 80
		Lewis Fullance, " "	10 80
	21.	Chas. Raguso, " "	24 00
		Lewis Yacino, " "	16 20
		Chas. Fusco, " "	9 00
		Victor Lemeaux, " "	9 00
		Antonio Roeco, " "	10 80
Dec.	7.	Lewis Yacino, " "	7 20
		Victor Lemeaux, " "	8 40
		Antonio Rock, " "	10 20
		Chas. Raguso, " "	12 00
	14.	" " " " "	9 00
	24.	Antonio Rock, " "	5 20
1911.			
Jan.	4.	Chas. Raguso, " "	5 40
		Lewis Sacino, " "	2 60

Wrey Rock, making house connections	\$3 00
Victor Lemeaux, " " "	3 00
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	\$3,704 98
Bills payable.....	241 75
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	<u>\$3,946 73</u>

RECEIPTS FROM HOUSE CONNECTIONS.

1910.				
Aug.	4.	To rec'd for making house connections.....	\$242 38	
	8.	Making house connections,	210 10	
	29.	" " "	70 00	
Sep.	8.	" " "	65 39	
Oct.	27.	" " "	96 92	
Nov.	14.	" " "	76 70	
	26.	" " "	86 06	
Dec.	13.	" " "	105 48	
	24.	" " "	50 00	
	28.	" " "	105 00	
1911.				
Jan.	21.	" " "	39 86	
Feb.	24.	" " "	34 18	
	28.	" " "	36 31	
		Labor on watering trough ...	5 00	
			<hr/>	\$1,223 38
		Bills receivable for house connections and labor		44 33
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				<u>\$1,267 71</u>

OPERATING EXPENSES.

1910.			
May 31.	By paid E. R. Correll, Supt., labor.....	\$50 00	
June 20.	Henry Correll, labor,.....	8 63	
	E. R. Correll, Supt., labor.....	45 00	
July 9.	" " " "	35 00	
	" " sundry expenses,.....	3 87	
	12. Newton Whittemore, labor,.....	1 75	
	29. E. E. Carpenter, stamped envelopes,....	1 70	
	Eagle Printing Co. rate circulars and blanks.	8 75	

Aug. 8.	Henry Correll, labor,.....	\$ 5 50
	Napoleon Bonville, labor.....	3 75
	E. R. Correll, Supt., labor.....	48 00
Sep. 7.	" " " "	60 00
Oct. 11.	" " " "	48 00
Nov. 5.	" " " "	48 00
Dec. 13.	" " " "	60 00
1911.		
Jan. 11.	E. R. Correll, Supt., labor	48 00
Feb. 4.	Eagle Printing Co. receipt books,	4 75
	8. E. R. Correll, Supt., labor	48 00
1910.		
July 1.	Douglas Electric Co. power for June,	38 70
Aug. 1.	" " " " " July,	34 50
Sep. 1.	" " " " " August, ...	30 30
Oct. 1.	" " " " " September,	30 90
Nov. 1.	" " " " " October,	28 10
Dec. 1.	" " " " " November,	30 10
1911.		
Jan. 1.	" " " " " December,	31 50
Feb. 1.	" " " " " January,	33 10
1910.		
Dec. 1.	" " " electric lighting, 5 mos.	5 00
Feb. 4.	Frank E. Jones, coal.	7 50
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Bills payable,		\$798 40
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Total paid and to be paid,		\$876.18
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OPERATING RECEIPTS.

Jan. 21	To rec'd. for water service	\$175 00
27	" " " "	83 48
Feb. 1	" " " "	76 59
14	" " " "	26 87
28	" " " "	116 00
28	" " factory sprinkler service	36 85
28	" " water for macadam road	15 00
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Bills receivable		\$529 79
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Total received and due		585 75
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SUMMARY.

Balance remaining from construction.....		\$4,069 30
Received from house connections.....	1,223 38	
Bills receivable	44 33	
Received from operating plant	529 79	
Bills receivable	55 96	
	<hr/>	\$1,853 46
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		\$5,922 76
Paid for house connections	\$3,704 98	
Bills payable	241 75	
Paid for operating expenses.....	798 40	
Bills payable	77 78	
	<hr/>	\$4,822 91
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		\$1,099 85
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Total cash received.....\$46,756 96
 Total payments... 45,331 51

Cash balance on deposit \$1,425 45

Collections were made on January 1, for water service to that date and in the future collections will be made quarterly.

On each quarter, excepting the last quarter, one-fourth of the minimum annual charge will be collected, and on the last quarter a settlement will be made according to the reading of the meter.

We feel a conservative estimate of a year's income, based on the present number of takers to be as follows:

From house service	\$1,750 00
Factory sprinkler service	73 70
Private hydrant	30 00
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	\$1,853 70
53 town hydrants, service valued at	1,590 00

WILLIE R. WALLIS,
CHARLES J. BATCHELLER,
HERBERT N. LOUGEE,

Water Commissioners.

I have examined the above report of the Water Commissioners and find same correct.

CORNELIUS F. Mc LAREN, *Auditor.*

Report of Treasurer

DOUGLAS WATER WORKS.

1910.

DR.

Mar. 1	Cash on hand.....	\$9,389 44
May 1	Interest, City Trust Co. for Mar.	36 44
July 5	" Old Colony Trust Co.....	23 38
Aug. 2	" " " " " for June.....	7 16
4	C. J. Batcheller, collections house connections	242 38
8	" " " " "	210 10
29	" " " " "	70 00
Sept. 6	Interest, Old Colony Trust Co. July. . . .	1 67
8	C. J. Batcheller, collections house connections	65 39
13	" rebates on machinery.....	78 00
Oct. 27	" collections house connections	96 92
Nov. 14	" " " " "	76 70
14	Boston Belting Co. (paid by town,) see 972	78 00
26	C. J. Batcheller, collections house connections	86 06
Sept. 9	Town of Douglas, cash	509 04
10	" " " "	438 56
Dec. 5	" " " "	1,296 98
13	C. J. Batcheller, house connections	105 48
24	" " " "	50 00
28	" " " "	105 00
1911.		
Jan. 6	C. J. Batcheller, rebate on machinery.....	78 00
21	" house connections	39 86
21	" water collections	175 00
27	" " " "	83 48

Jan. 11	Old Colony Trust Co. sale of water bonds number 41 and 42 at \$104.75 and accrued In.	\$2,097 00
Feb. 1	C. J. Batcheller, water collections	76 59
2	Old Colony Trust Co. interest	2 09
14	C. J. Batcheller, house service	26 87
	C. J. Batcheller, connections,	34 18
28	Town of Douglas reimbursed Jan. 1, 1910	800 00
	Interest 4%	37 33
	Town of Douglas reimbursed June 1, 1909	159 47
	Interest 4%	11 16
	Town of Douglas reimbursed July 2, 1909	34 50
	Interest 4%	2 30
Mar. 1	C. J. Batcheller, house connections	36 31
	“ “ service	116 00
	“ sprinkler service	36 85
	“ repair water tub and State Road service	20 00
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		\$16,833 69

1910.

CR.

Apr. 4	Water Commissioners, Selectmen's order 846.	\$2,260 35
May 2	Charles J. Batcheller, “ “ 875.	2,918 85
June 6	Walter E. Schuster, Treas. “ “ 894.	143 05
July 5	William E. Balcom, Labor “ “ 906.	75 19
5	Walter E. Schuster, Treas. “ “ 911.	579 30
Aug. 1	Selectmen's order 929.	2,710 27
Sept. 6	“ “ 946	1,101 34
Oct. 3	“ “ 964.	115 00
Nov 7	“ “ 972.	358 87
Dec. 5	“ “ 986.	1,449 40

1911.

Jan. 2	Selectmen's order 997.	1,060 75
24	Town of Douglas.	947 60
24	“ “ “	1,296 98
Feb. 6	Selectmen's order 1014.	166 52
27	“ “ 1039	224 67
28	Old Colony Trust Co. collecting check.	10
	By cash March 1, 1911, in hands of treasurer and in bank	1,425 45
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		\$16,833 69

WALTER E. SCHUSTER, *Treasurer.*

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1910

BIRTHS

Whole number	60
Number of males	30
Number of females	30
	— 60
 American parentage	17
Foreign parentage	38
Mixed	5
	— 60

MARRIAGES

Whole number	38
American birth	34
Foreign birth	42
Residents of Douglas	59
Elsewhere	17
First marriage	69
Second marriage	7

DEATHS

Whole number	61
Males	35
Females	26
	— 61

American birth	45	
Foreign birth	16	
	—	61

Number under 1 year	9
Between 1 and 5 years	2
“ 5 and 10 “	1
“ 10 and 20 “	2
“ 20 and 30 “	3
“ 30 and 40 “	6
“ 40 and 50 “	6
“ 50 and 60 “	2
“ 60 and 70 “	6
“ 70 and 80 “	14
“ 80 and 90 “	7
“ 90 and 100 “	3
	—
	61

DOGS REGISTERED

Whole number	166
Males, 147 at \$2.00	\$294 00
Females, 19 at \$5.00	95 00
	—
	\$389 00
Less fees, (166 at 20 cts.)	33 20
	—
Paid to County Treasurer	\$355 80

J. B. CHAPDELAIN, JR.,

Town Clerk.

Report of the Treasurer of Simon Fairfield Public Library

DR.

1910

Mar. 1.	To balance income Fairfield fund	\$28 54
	Balance income Smith fund	120 15
		\$148 69

Income for the year as follows:—

Dog fund	\$325.56
Town appropriation	150 00
Income Keith fund	8 08
Income Fairfield fund	175 00
Income Smith fund	240 00
Received from fines	14 09
	912 73
Donation from Estate of George Jepherson, Providence, R. I.	100 00
	\$1,161 42
Total receipts	\$1,161 42

CR.

1910

Paid Vera H. Warner, librarian	\$236 70
Florence R. Libby, substitute librarian	30 00
Herbert E. Hughes, janitor	60 00
Douglas Electric Co., lighting	53 22
W. R. Wallis, lumber for screens	9 45
“ “ lawn mower	8 00
Books and freight	242 43
Frank E. Jones, coal	122 50
Magazines	34 50

Rake, and painting screens	\$ 1 50
Sullivan and men, labor on lawn and sidewalk . .	25 21
J. W. Wixtead, supplies, team, and labor	22 10
Carting away ashes	3 25
Foster Heating Co., cleaning furnace and part . .	5 00
Freights and expresses	2 87
Blanks, cards, and supplies for librarian	14 80
Readers' Guide	16 55
Bookbinding	75 86
Books and freight	52 19
Newspapers	21 00
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	\$1,037 13

1911

Mar. 1. Unexpended balances as follows:—

Town of Douglas	\$100 00	
Fairfield fund	12 96	
Smith fund	11 33	
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		\$1,161 42

The Library has passed a most prosperous year. Several of the patrons have been generous in their donations of magazines.

The estate of George Jepherson, of Providence, R. I., donated recently \$100.00 to be used mainly for the purchase of reference books, and coming at a time when the schools were needing more books of that nature in the school work, the gift was doubly appreciated.

Mr. Jepherson was an old resident of Douglas, and a strong personal friend of Mr. James M. Fairfield.

ENDOWMENT FUND

Mrs. Royal Keith fund	\$200 00	
James M. Fairfield fund	5,000 00	
James Smith fund	6,000 00	
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CHARLES J. BATCHELLER, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the above report of the Treasurer of Simon Fairfield Public Library and find same correct.

CORNELIUS F. McLAREN, *Auditor.*

Annual Report of the OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

For Year Ending March 1, 1911.

A. S. POTTER, Supt. of Almshouse.

Personal property at almshouse. as per inventory:

March 1, 1910	\$2,545 30
“ 1, 1911	2,611 28
Increase	<u>\$ 65 98</u>

We have made the Superintendent debtor to what he has received for labor, produce etc., and credited him with what he has paid out as follows:

DR.

Cash on hand	\$19 22
268 lbs, butter	95 25
3 cows	93 00
3 pigs	118 45
15 bush. potatoes	10 15
Lador with team	102 25
Eggs	13 99
Milk and cream	21 26
Fowls	31 65
Board and meals	12 75

Miscellaneous	\$20 16	
Apples, cider and vinegar	18 45	
3 calves	32 00	
Feb. 28 cash Mr. Mowry	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$608 58

CR.

New set double harnesses	\$55 00	
Meat and provisions	130 13	
Labor	214 76	
Cow and pigs	94 00	
Fertilizer	30 00	
Miscellaneous	71 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 595 39
March 1, cash on hand	\$ 13 19	
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The Overseers have paid the following bills in the almshouse account:

A. S. Potter, cash, current expenses	\$20 00	
Levi A. Brown, salary to April 1	87 50	
A. S. Potter, salary to Jan. 1	225 00	
1 Writing desk	10 00	
2 Cows and 1 calf	130 00	
1 Breeding sow	20 00	
Meat, groceries and fish	387 80	
1 Range and pipe, J. W. Wixtead	55 75	
	<hr/>	\$936 05

REPAIRS AT ALMSHOUSE

Byron Stockwell repairing Ice house. \$ 38 50

SUMMARY.

Superintendent has paid for supplies as per this report	\$ 595 39	
Overseers have paid out as per report	936 05	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,531 44
Supt., for labor, produce and board	608 58	
	<hr/>	\$922 86

Increase as per inventory.....	\$65 98
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\$856 88

Cost of poor at Almshouse this year	
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Cost per week.....	\$8 24
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Inmates at Almshouse March 1, 1911, two, ages 82 and 80 years.

OUTSIDE POOR.

Expense	\$714 11
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Town of Dudley.....	42 46
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STATE POOR.

Paid	\$112 60
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Due from state.....	129 00
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LOCK-UP ACCOUNT 1910—1911.

Expense	\$29 70
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Miscellaneous account	49 61
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AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

1910.

Mar. Cash on hand	\$93 94
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Received from Town treasurer.....	1,723 74
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“ “ “ of Adams	7 50
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“ “ “ of Dudley	68 46
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“ “ state treasurer	185 60
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\$2,079 24

RECAPITULATION.

Paid on account of poor at Almshouse	\$ 936 05
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Outside poor.....	714 11
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State poor.....	112 60
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Poor of Dudley	42 46
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Lock-ups.....	29 70
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Miscellaneous.....	49 61
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Due from state	129 00
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Repairs at Almshouse.....	38 50
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Cash on hand	27 21
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\$2,079 24

The Overseers have received for their services:

Henry D. Mowry	\$ 100 00
Edwin T. Rawson	25 00
Paul D. Manning	25 00

HENRY D. MOWRY,
EDWIN T. RAWSON,
PAUL D. MANNING,

Overseers of Poor.

I have examined the above report of overseers of poor and find same correct.

CORNELIUS F. McLAREN, *Auditor.*

Annual Report of WILLIE R. WALLIS, Agent
ON THE
Devise of Moses Wallis

TO TOWN OF DOUGLAS

For Year Ending March 1, 1911.

The Agent has charged himself with the amounts due the town March 1, 1911, as follows:

Notes due the town	\$4,500 00
Accrued interest on notes	272 22
Deposited Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co. and interest	29,647 65
Cash in hands of Agent	192 27
	<hr/> \$34,612 14

1910

Mar. 1	Cash in hands of Agent	\$192 27
5	John Vallier	18 00
18	Preserved Alger	19 10
May 26	Frank Duval	24 17
July 30	Potter M. Bates	50 00
	Potter M. Bates	2 16
Sept. 8	Edward M. Southwick	24 00
Oct. 8	Potter M. Bates	6 00
20	Charles F. Rawson	200 00
20	Charles F. Rawson	28 93
	Mary A. Reynolds	24 30
Nov. 23	Vesta H. Balcom	125 00
	Vesta H. Balcom	9 10

24	Emma J. Brown	\$150 00
	Emma J. Brown	28 71

1911

Feb. 9	Joel Glover	\$12 00	
25	Salina Casey	30 00	
28	David and Amos Lunn	30 00	
	Joseph T. Arnold	12 00	
	Phebe Young	30 00	
	Joel Glover	200 00	
	Joel Glover	2 93	
		<hr/>	\$1.218 67

The Agent has paid out as follows :

1910

Oct. 20	Discharge of Mortgage	\$ 25	
Nov. 23	Discharge of Mortgage	25	
24	Discharge of Mortgage	25	
Dec. 30	Deposited Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co.	800 00	
Feb. 24	John R. Thayer	75 00	
28	Discharge of Mortgage	25	
	Agent care of devise	75 00	
		<hr/>	\$951 00

NOTES DUE THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1911.

Maker of Note.	Paid by	Accrued Int.	Principal.
Joseph T. Arnold	A. L. Putnam Est.		\$200 00
Preserved Alger	Russell H. Baton	\$4 90	100 00
Potter M. Bates	John C. F. Bates	2 25	100 00
Salina Casey	Ordeal Casey	3 30	500 00
Frank Duval		7 50	125 00
Frank Duval		18 00	300 00
David and Amos Lunn, David Lunn		10 33	500 00
Mary A. Reynolds		15 00	250 00
Edward M. Southwick	William H. Evans	12 78	400 00
Susan V. Thayer	Susan V. Thayer Est.	102 42	500 00
John Vallier	Agnes Gauvin	18 45	300 00
Phebe Young	Phebe Young Est.	35 75	500 00
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		\$230 68\$	3,775 00

RECAPITULATION.

1910

Mar. 1	Cash in hands of Agent	\$192 27	
	Cash received during the year	1026 40	
		<hr/>	\$1,218 67
	Cash paid out during the year	\$151 00	
	Deposited R. I. H. Trust Co.	800 00	
	Cash in hands of Agent	267 67	
		<hr/>	\$1,218 67

1911

Mar. 1	Notes due the town	\$3,775 00	
	Accrued interest	230 68	
	Deposited R. I. H. Trust Co. and interest to date	31,650 89	
	Cash in hands of Agent	267 67	
		<hr/>	\$35,924 24
	Value of Devise March 1, 1910		34,612 14
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	Net gain for the year		\$1,312 10

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIE R. WALLIS, *Agent*.

I have examined the above report of Willie R. Wallis' agent, and find same correct.

CORNELIUS F. McLAREN, *Auditor*.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR FOR 1911.

Douglas, Mass., March 1, 1911.

The Assessors of Douglas for the year 1910 committed to me on the 14th day of July, 1910, the Collector's book with warrant to collect and pay over to the Treasurer of the said town of Douglas the sum of

\$19,835 18

On December 15, 1910, Special assessment 369 99

Total \$20,205 17

I have collected and paid over to the Treasurer of said town in cash, discounts and abatements the sum of.

\$19,603 17

Balance \$602 00

I have collected since March 1, 1911. 93 92

Leaving balance uncollected. \$508 08

Interest collected to March 1, 1911. \$20 08

By vote of the town March 1902. the names of all delinquent tax payers are to be printed each year in the town report, and are as follows :

LIST OF DELINQUENT TAX PAYERS FOR 1910.

William F. Brown	\$ 2 00	Heirs Loren Thayer.	\$7 30
Willian A. Bruley	2 00	Alfred Frank	2 00
Joseph Champaigne	2 00	Frank Weatherhead	2 00
John Dolbear	5 07	Asa B. Wheeler	2 81
Fred Gouthier	2 00	Belle Turner guardian of	
Arthur Holbrook	2 00	George Kelly	34 02
Judson Hughes	2 00	Edgar S. Hill	6 57
Annie E. Higgins	1 00	Est. Manning Arnold	36 50
Demonica Iaisino	2 00	Mrs. Charles Whitcomb	4 38
Albert Linberg	2 00	Heirs of W. H. Sheldon	4 75
Wiliam Lane	5 65	Mrs Etta Phillips	10 22
Ambrose Nole	7 84	Est. Salem J. Shaw	36 50
Heirs of A. L. Putnam	19 71	F. F. Sibley	2 92
John Paraseau	2 37	John A. Richardson	14 60
George Pelletin	2 00	Mrs. Sarah A. Sibley	10 22
Charles Plant	2 00	Joseph P. Love	3 65
Thomas Ring	2 00	Russell H. Baton	3 88
Frank Rivord	7 11	J. Fred Humes	10 95
Est. May Rogers	1 82	George Linberg	2 00
Barton E. Seagraves	2 00	Edwin T. Rawson adminis-	
George A. Seagraves	3 46	trator Estate of	
E. J. Stowe	2 00	Zilpha Rawson	152 16
Mrs. E. J. Stowe	15 91	Frank Prince	15 33
Heirs Willis W. Sherman	4 75		

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. HEATH, *Collector.*

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

For Year 1910.

I sprayed all the town trees carefully once during the months of June, July and August and did not get such good results as last year.

SPRAYING EXPENSES.

W. E. Carpenter, 22 $\frac{1}{3}$ days at \$3.25 (horse)	\$72 58
Raymond Jones, 198 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 1.75 per day	38 59
Napoleon Bonnaville, 129 hours at 25c per hour	32 25
Louis Matt, 51 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 25c per hour	12 88
Ernest Watson, 2 days at 2.50 per day	5 00
W. E. Jones, pulley	35
1 st. wrench	1 25
1 pair cutters	65
2 ladles and tin	20
6 hose menders	60
repairs of pump	75
tacks, leathers and thimble	75
A. Goodness, 9 rolls of tape at 5c per roll	45
W. R. Wallis, rope	21
200 lbs. arsenate of lead at 10c per lb	20 00
50 ft cotton hose	4 50
1 set couplings	1 00
Freight and express charges	1 50
CR.	<hr/> \$193 51
Private work on individual trees	30 26
	<hr/> \$163 25

W. E. CARPENTER, *Tree Warden.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF Highway Surveyors.

In this department the prices for labor, per hour, are:
Surveyors, 25c; two horses on cart with men, 40c; one horse on
cart with man, 35c; two horses on scraper, 30c; laborers, men,
20c; boys, 12c.

G. H. DUDLEY, District No. 1.

G. H. Dudley, 222 h	\$55 50	Ralph Dudley, two horses	
Wm. H. Dudley, 120 h	24 40	on scraper, 30 h	\$ 9 00
Four horses on scraper,		Al. Chase, 19 h	3 80
36 h	21 90	Charlie Stevens, 31 h	6 20
Two horses on scraper,		G. H. Dudley, 22 loads	
5 h	1 50	gravel	1 10
One horse on cart,		Mrs. A. Putnam, 35	
46 h	5 74	loads gravel	1 75
Two horses on cart,		G. H. Dudley, 7 sleepers	
211 h	42 20	for bridge	1 75
W. E. Putnam, 125 h	25 10	Paul Manning, 5 loads	
C. M. Chase, 132 h	26 40	gravel	25
A. P. Dudley, 180 h	36 00		
Cavornor, 4 h	80		\$285 59
Paul Manning, 24 h	4 80	Repairs, W. L. Church	9 37
Two horses on scraper,		Supplies, W. R. Wallis	34 72
30 h	9 00		
Phil Manning, 9 h	1 80		329 68
C. L. Sleeper, 33 h	61 60	Snow roads,	1 80

U. I. PETERS, District No. 2.

U. I. Peters, 176 h	\$44 00	R. Humes, 74 h	\$14 80
C. Dudley, 158 h	31 60	2 Shovels, repairing bars	
H. A. Peters, 180 h	36 00	picks and chains	3 60
U. I. Peters, team		8 Fence poles, 5 lbs. nails	2 20
162 h	32 40		
A. Roberts, 139 h	27 80		<u>206 00</u>
E. Roberts, 68 h	13 60		

HENRY JARVIS, District No. 3.

Robert Lunn, 86½ h	\$17 30	Two horses on cart	
Wm. P. Wight, 80 h	16 00	65 h	\$13 00
Frank E. Smith, 85 h	17 00		
W. E. Park, 80 h	16 00		<u>156 25</u>
Adolph Cabana, 73½ h	14 70	Supplies of W. R. Wallis	6 40
Bernard Boylan, 70 h	14 00		
Henry Jarvis, 85 h	21 25		<u>162 65</u>
Four horses on scraper			
25 h	15 00		
Two horses on cart			
60 h	12 00		

O. F. CHASE, District No. 4.

Orlan F. Chase, 136 h	\$34 00	Duty Caswell 18 h	\$ 3 60
" " 1 horse		H. T. Barton 27 h	5 40
89½ h	9 22	A. E. Chapman 1 h	20
" " horses on		" 56 loads gravel	
scraper 21½ h	6 45	" " " " " "	2 80
Leon O. Chase 111 ½ h	22 30	M. Keith 73 loads gravel	3 65
Elwin S. Chase, 31½ h	6 30	O. F. Chase, 174 ft. plank	4 00
Myron B. Chase, 139½ h	27 90	" " 9 lbs. spikes	36
Henry Chase 102½ h	20 50		
" " horses on cart			<u>170 08</u>
45 h	9 00	Supplies	4 00
Edrastus Chase 45 h	9 00		
" " horses on			<u>174 08</u>
cart 27 h	5 40		

A. L. PARKER, District No. 5.

A. L. Parker, 125 h	\$28 00	A. L. Parker, moving snow	
Earl Parker, 115 h	23 00	4 h	90
Horses and cart 97 h	19 40	Earl Parker, moving snow	
One horse 28 h	3 49	4 h	80
Will Butterworth, 27 h	5 40	H. T. Barton, moving snow	
Earl Simons, 18 h	3 60	4 h	80
Will Buxton, 27 h	5 40	Horses moving snow	
Mr. South, 48 load sand		4 h	80
5c per load	2 40		
E. Ritchie, 42 load sand			\$3 30
5c per load	2 10		
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	92 79		
Will Wallace, spade and			
pick	1 70		
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	94 49		

F. J. KENYON, District No. 6.

F. J. Kenyon, 154 h	\$38 50	Walter Thompson, 60	
2 horses 103 h	22 60	oads gravel	3 00
Jarvis Adams, 65 h	13 00	Mrs. Burlingame 14	
John Dolbeer, 154	30 80	loads gravel	70
F. J. Kenyon 35 h	8 75	Dan Dudley, sharpening	
2 horses on scraper		6 picks	60
35 h	10 50	Jarvis Adams,	50
Earl Kenyon, 40 h	8 00	Douglas Axe Co. 1 pick	
F. J. Kenyon, 1 horse		200 ft railing, 15 posts	3 50
43 h	5 42		<hr/>
Charles Maynard, 45			148 12
loads gravel	2 25		

WALTER E. CARPENTER, District No. 7.

N. E. Carpenter, 17 d		Thomas Kelly, 3d 8 h	
2½ h at 2.25	\$38 86	at 1.80	7 00
horse and cart 11 d		Sr. Lamoren, 3 d 8 h	
2 h at 1.25	13 50	at 1.80	7 00
112 loads gravel at 5c	5 60	Jr. Lamoren, 3 d 8h	
Stringers and posts	8 00	at 1.80	7 00

Nelson Place 14 d 7 h		Walter Putnam, 3½ d	
at 1.80	\$26 60	at 1.80	\$6 30
Horse and cart 14 d		John Kelly, 3 d at 1.80	5 40
at 1.25	4 50	Orson Chase, 1 d at 1.80	1 80
Charlie 2 d at 1.80	3 60	Man, 2½ d at 1.80	4 50
Gus Dudley, 3½ d at 2.25		Robert Lunn, 1½ d at 1.80	2 70
holding scraper	7 87	American Axe and Tool Co.	
4 horses on scraper		2 picks	2 00
2 d	12 00	W. E. Jones, dynamite	
2 horses on scraper 1½ d	4 50	and fuse	2 61
Henry Jarvis 3 d	5 40	W. R. Wallis, 3 spades	
2 horses on scraper		nails and spikes	2 49
1½ d	4 50		
4 horses on scraper 1½ d	9 00		196 33
Harry Dudley, 2 d			
at 1.80	3 60		

L. A. BUFFUM, District No. 8.

L. A. Buffum 128 h	\$25 60	R. E. Aldrich 1 pair oxen	
Nelson Gravel 15 h	3 00	and cart 7 h	\$ 1 40
August Gravel 15 h	3 00	F. H. Jefferson 10 h	1 24
B. F. Aldrich, 2 horses		Joseph Gazette, 15 h	3 00
and cart 15 h	3 00	T. E. Hall, 24 h	4 80
W. F. Young, 49 h	9 80	5 loads gravel,	50
W. F. Young, 1 horse		posts and Railing	1 00
and cart 35 h	4 37		
R. E. Aldrich, 7 h	1 40		62 11

JARVIS ADAMS, District No. 9.

Jarvis Adams, 326 h	\$81 50	Lafayette Taft, 34 h	\$6 80
" " 1 horse		" " 2 horses	
133 h	16 66	34 h	6 80
Harry Chamberlain, 20h	4 00	Henry Jarvis, 128 h	25 60
Albert Bassett, 27 h	5 40	" " horses on	
Napoleon Maynard, 5 h	1 00	scraper 90 h	27 00
Henry Hindon, 234 h	46 80	Henry Jarvis, horses	
" " 2 horses		on cart 166 h	\$33 20
47 h	9 40	Frank Smith, 128 h	25 60
David Lunn, 152 h	30 40	Robert Lunn, 80 h	16 00
" " 2 horses		G. H. Dudley, horses	
152 h	30 40	on scraper 60 h	18 00
J. E. Stowe, 254 h	50 80	horses on cart 30 h	6 00

Walter Putnam, 90 h	18 00
45 ft. railing	45
Dynamite	20
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	460 01
Use of scraper in Ux.	3 00
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	457 01
Trap Rock,	73 26
	<hr/>
	530 27

H. C. METCALF, District No. 10.

H. C. Metcalf, 87 h		C. Kruel and team, 27 h	
at 25c per h	\$21 75	at 40c per h	\$ 10 80
horse and cart 87 h		Smith, 27 h at 20c per h	5 40
at 12½c per h	10 87	H. Jarvis, 4 horses and	
A. L. Metcalf, 90 h		man on scraper rate	
at 20c per h	18 00	per d 10.00 3 d	30 00
F. Chappel, 72 h			<hr/>
at 20c per h	14 40		114 82
A. Brown, 18 h		Repairs on stone rd.	309 55
at 20c per h	3 60		

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF DOUGLAS
FOR THE
Year Ending March 1, 1911.



WHITINSVILLE, MASS.:
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1911.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

EDWARD T. BUXTON.....	Term expires March 1, 1911
FRANK E. JONES.	" " " 1911
LUCIUS J. MARSH	" " " 1911
ERWIN E. CARPENTER	" " " 1912
FRED M. CHAPPELL.....	" " " 1912
GILBERT W. ROWLEY.....	" " " 1912
CHARLES J. BATCHELLER. .	" " " 1913
CHARLES L. CHURCH.....	" " " 1913
WILLIE MANAHAN	" " " 1913

SUPERINTENDING COMMITTEE

L. J. MARSH EDWARD T. BUXTON G. W. ROWLEY

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

EDWIN S. COBB

PURCHASING AGENT

CHARLES J. BATCHELLER

TRUANT OFFICERS

EDWIN S. COBB

A. B. SIMMONS

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1910-11

FALL TERM

All schools opened September 6, 1910, and closed December 16.

WINTER TERM

High school opened December 26, 1910.

Elementary schools opened January 2, 1911.

All schools close March 17.

SPRING TERM RECOMMENDED

High and grammar schools open March 27.

Elementary schools open April 3 and close June 9.

Grammar school close June 16, and high school close June 23.

LENGTH OF SCHOOL YEAR

High school 40 weeks.

Grammar school 38 weeks as recommended.

Elementary schools 36 weeks.

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

Three blasts of the whistle at 7.45 a. m.
indicate "no school" for the morning session.

Three blasts of the whistle at 11.45 a. m.
indicate "no school" for the afternoon session.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS

Appropriations for public schools, including transportation of pupils	\$5,500 00	
Books and supplies	400 00	
For Superintendent	360 00	
For School Physician	50 00	
For repairs to schoolhouses	300 00	
For repairs, old windows sold	75	
Town school fund	56 48	
State school fund	938 41	
State, for high school "special"	500 00	
State, for superintendent	500 00	
For tuition	36 00	
Balance unexpended last year	1,360 67	
		<hr/> \$10,002 31

EXPENDITURES

Teachers	\$5,015 75
Janitors	594 75
Superintendent	679 98
Transportation	430 75
Fuel	552 98
Books and supplies appropriation	\$400 00
State school fund	28 97

Books sold, Disney	\$ 5 95	
Night school, Disney	13 00	
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	447 92	
For night school	18 95	
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Amount drawn from Town		
Treasurer		\$428 97
Repairs		524 58
General expenses	\$211 40	
" " insurance . . .	102 48	
	<hr/>	\$313 88
School physician		50 00
	<hr/>	\$8,591 64
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		\$1,410 67

LUCIUS J. MARSH,
EDWARD T. BUXTON,
GILBERT W. ROWLEY.

Report of School Committee.

The School Committee submits the following report for the year ending March 1, 1911.

CHANGES IN TEACHING FORCE

Resignations — Mr. Charles E. Disney in January, Miss Aimee Currier, High School; Miss Lucile Blanchard, Miss Lillie MacLean, grades VII and VIII; Miss Mary Waldo, grades IV and V; Miss Alma Quintal, Miss Mary C. Silva, South Douglas.

Elections — Miss Mary I. Gunn, Mr. William W. Evans, in January, High School; Miss Lillie MacLean, Miss Jennie L. Irwin, grades VII and VIII; Miss Mildred Chapman, grades IV and V; Miss Rosanna Picard, South Douglas, Miss Emma J. Williams, Supervisor of Music. Miss Mildred Chapman resigned suddenly the last week in February because of ill health, and we have secured Mrs. Grace Moore to fill the vacancy.

Following the resignation of Miss Sweet as Supervisor of Music, which was accepted reluctantly by the Committee, we had a year of no supervising. This condition was not satisfactory to us and, as a result of our determination to have a supervisor of this department, we have been fortunate in securing Miss Emma J. Williams.

The progress of our schools has been retarded somewhat by the frequent changes in teachers. The difficulty of keeping teachers is being experienced by most of the smaller towns in the state.

Although several benches and quite a collection of tools have been purchased, there has been no activity in Manual Training. A place should be made and time allotted for this work the coming year.

A perusal of our report of expenditures in the Financial Statement and a comparison with the report of last year will show an increase this year of \$429.83. The excess of this year is caused by slightly heavier teachers' salaries, including music, small increase to the Superintendent, small increase in cost of transportation, insurance of buildings, and extraordinary repairs. The increase in every instance has certainly been justified.

The walls in the East Douglas building have been in bad shape for a number of years, because of settling of the building. Many of the unsightly cracks in the plastering were caused, we believe, by the drag of the front and back vestibules. These vestibules had no supports from beneath when the building was built, being supported from beams above by hangers. Two years ago the present committee placed two iron columns beneath each of the vestibules, thereby easing the strain on the walls of the halls and rooms. We then waited until this year, to make sure the remedy was effective, when we made repairs in every one of the eight rooms and in both upper and lower halls. After repairing the plastering all the walls and ceilings were painted.

We have done away with the common drinking cup by putting in four drinking fountains in the building at East Douglas and water coolers in the three district schools, where each child is required to have his or her own drinking cup. Water is obtained from the cooler by a faucet, the cup not being dipped into the water. Laying the pipe to the schoolhouse at East Douglas for the fountains was expensive, costing over \$75.00.

Numerous repairs were made in the district schools. The chimney at South Douglas was discovered to be in very bad shape and was rebuilt inside to the roof. New sinks were placed in South Douglas and at Old Douglas.

We would suggest that this coming year running water be connected with the laboratory of the High School, as it can easily be done and will be most convenient. We would also suggest that the building at East Douglas be wired for electric lights. The fact that electric lights were needed was very strongly brought to our attention during the short session of night school. At that time kerosene lamps were used and as a result the walls and ceilings of both rooms of the High School are in a very unsightly condition. These rooms will need painting in the spring vacation. The amount we will ask appropriated for repairs this year will include enough for wiring the building. A telephone is also needed in the building at East Douglas.

Last year we asked for an appropriation of \$300.00 for grading the school grounds at East Douglas, but did not get the

money because, through a misunderstanding, the appropriation asked for was not covered by an article in the Warrant. This year we will endeavor to have such an article in the Warrant.

For the last two years the members of the Committee have been approached at intervals by different people asking for a night school. This year we tried a short session as an experiment. The interest shown and work accomplished by those who attended would warrant, we believe, another attempt and more extensive work taken up next fall.

Plans have been made for making the Grammar school year two weeks longer than in the past by adding a week at the beginning and end of the spring term of the elementary schools as recommended. The two weeks will help in fitting the pupils for entering the High school.

We call attention to the report of our Superintendent in regard to courses of study and other problems; also to the report of the Principal of the High School and to the report of the Supervisor of Music.

For the ensuing year the following appropriations are asked for:

Public schools, including transportation..	\$5,200 00	
Books and supplies	400 00	
For Superintendent	400 00	
For School Physician	50 00	
Repairs	400 00	
Grading at East Douglas	300 00	
		————— \$6,750 00

We appreciate very much the gift of five copies of "The Working People, Their Health and How to Protect It", by M. G. Overlock, M. D., presented to the schools by Hon. Winfield S. Schuster. Acknowledgment has been made by Mr. Disney, in his report, of the gift to the High School, by the Alumni, of the "New International Encyclopedia" in twenty volumes.

Respectfully,

LUCIUS J. MARSH,	} <i>Superintending</i>
EDWARD T. BUXTON,	
GILBERT W. ROWLEY,	

Committee.

Superintendent's Report.

To the Members of the School Committee of Douglas.

GENTLEMEN: My third annual report as superintendent of schools is herewith submitted.

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS.

The total enrolment of the school for the year ending June 1910 was 387, 64 more than for the preceding year. The average enrolment for the year ending June 1910 was 316 and for the first five months of the present school year it has been 329. The present enrolment, Feb. 1, 1911, is 314.

The per cent of attendance for the year ending last June was 91.11, slightly better than that for the preceding year which was 91.01. The per cent of attendance for the first five months of the present school year has been 92.39. The average attendance for the state and for Worcester county year after year is 92 per cent. The average attendance for Douglas for the last five years has been less than 91 per cent. This indicates that our attendance is not what it ought to be. The fact too that during the first five months of the present school year there have been 1003 absences which in the opinions of the several teachers were unnecessary is still further evidence that children are not attending as they should. This poor attendance is a serious handicap to us in our efforts to maintain good schools and plainly indicates the need of greater strictness in enforcing the school laws.

The average number of tardinesses for the year ending June 1910 was 1.79 per pupil. This is a slight improvement over that for the preceding year, which was 1.9.

The general statistics relative to the school and the ranking of the several schools in the matters of attendance and punctuality will be found in tables A and B at the close of this report.

EYE AND EAR TESTS.

The eye and ear tests required by law to be made by the teachers were made last September with the following results :

Number of pupils enroled	333
“ “ “ defective in eyesight	45
“ “ “ “ hearing	12
“ “ parents notified.....	52

A number of pupils still need glasses and in some instances cannot afford to get them. One particularly bad case was provided with glasses with money taken from the Manual Training Fund. The town, however, should make provision for urgent cases in which the ability of the parents to provide is unquestioned. There would probably not be more than two or three such cases a year.

SCHOOL HYGIENE.

The interest taken by the committee in safeguarding the health of the school children of Douglas is very gratifying. The entire building and particular rooms have been frequently and carefully fumigated whenever pupils known to have been coming down with a serious contagious disease have been known to have been in them; and but recently individual towels and bubbling drinking fountains have been provided. Oiled floors and perhaps a machine for specially fumigating all books before turning them over from one class to another would make conditions nearly ideal. Relative to the oiling of the floors it is hardly necessary to state that this is now done in nearly all good schools. By means of the oil, dust and germs are caught on the floor and swept up without being allowed to perpetually circulate through the air to irritate throats and perhaps spread disease. There are many preparations on the market, but my own experience as well as that of several of my colleagues leads me to believe that No Dusto carefully applied on a clean floor coated with linseed oil gives the best results. The material to do the work would cost about \$15.00.

ANOTHER ROOM FOR ELEMENTARY GRADES NEEDED.

It is believed that the best interests of the graded schools of E. Douglas require the assignment of another room to their use. This need while existing for several years past has become especially pressing now through an increase in the number of pupils in the intermediate grades and because of the addition of the Ninth Grade to the elementary school course. The increase of numbers has made it necessary for the teacher of Grade Four to take a part of Grade Five and, with 45 pupils at the most restless age of childhood, to try to do the work of two grades. This attempt for the past three years at least has resulted in partial failure to do the usual work of these grades satisfactorily. The addition of the Ninth Grade makes it necessary for the Grammar teacher to handle three grades where but two were formerly taught and gives her a corresponding increase in the number of classes and in the number of pupils. The total for the latter last September amounted to 45. Only the exceptional teacher can handle so many pupils in so many advanced classes and do justice to them. The assignment of another room for the work would relieve both of these unfavorable and congested conditions and make possible a distribution of the grades to rooms as follows:

Room 1	Grade 1	40 pupils
" 2	" 2	35
" 3	" 3	30
" 4	" 4	35
" 5	" 5	30
" 6	" 6, 7	40
" 7	" 8, 9	30

These figures are based upon the numbers at present in these grades and are conservative estimates of the numbers likely to be in them next fall and for sometime to come. It is believed that the arrangement as recommended by giving no teacher more than one grade, excepting in the case of the higher grades which become thinned out because of pupils leaving to go to work, would result in a decided improvement in the quality of the work done in the Intermediate and Grammar Grades.

NEW COURSES OF STUDY.

During the past year new courses of study in Geography, History, Reading and Spelling have been prepared and placed in the hands of the teachers. These courses excepting the one in

History differ in no essential respect from the ones formerly in use. In the course in History, however, an attempt has been made to give to the pupils in material fitted to their age a knowledge of all history as well as of that of the United States. To this end, while continuing the work in the history of our own country, there have been introduced in Grade Three stories of the Hebrews, Egyptians and the early peoples, in Grade Four tales of the Greeks and Romans; and in Grade five the stories of the Norsemen, Middle Ages and Modern Nations of Europe. For Grade Six a strong general course in United States History has been prepared as so many pupils leave at the end of this year's work. In Grade Seven the History of the English people is given prominence and so far as possible correlated with the work in the history of the English Discoverers and Explorers in America. In Grade Eight a special study of the history of this country from the outbreak of the Civil War up to the present times is made, and in Grade Nine a review by special topics of the entire history of the United States is made during the first two terms, and the last term is given up to the study of Civil Government.

MANUAL TRAINING AND SEWING

Since the opening of the schools in September the work in Manual Training and Sewing as outlined in the report of last year has been suspended in the upper grades. This suspension seemed advisable on account of the several changes in teachers in the Grammar School during the fall term and also of fuller realization of the difficulties under which the teachers in grades above the Fourth were laboring in teaching in rooms filled with pupils distributed in two or more grades. Moreover, although benches and tools have been provided from the proceeds of the Manual Training and Sewing Fair given last winter no place in which to use them to advantage has been found. Such a place, however could be readily supplied by partitioning off a small space in the basement, while the allowing of one more teacher and room for the work of the grades, as already recommended, would give time for Manual Training and Sewing. Inasmuch as these subjects are very generally conceded to be of value to school pupils it is to be hoped that more favorable conditions will soon make it possible for us to give due attention to them.

HOME GARDENS.

Last spring a number of the ladies of the town became interested in having the pupils in the schools have gardens at home and offered books as prizes for those most successful in the

work. About 600 packages of seeds at a penny a package were sold and many of the pupils had excellent gardens, notwithstanding the dry weather. The ladies visited the gardens and awarded the prizes as follows:

Grade 1 Dorothy Condon,
 Grade 2 Barbara Carpenter, Lewis Brown,
 Grade 3 Mary Mitice, Annie Pompa,
 Grade 4 Jennie Abram, Lincoln Carpenter,
 Grade 5 Kate Kalvinek, Gabriel Langlois,
 Grade 6 Homer Mercier, Ailene McMahon,
 Marjorie Weeks, Agnes Ritchie,
 Grade 8 Walter Hughes, Sarah Frost, Harold Hughes.
 Douglas Town,— Homer Powell, Kenneth Parker,
 Etta Hewitt, Albert Wilkins,
 West Douglas,— Doris Peters, Percy Peters.

The work seemed well worth while and will be continued again this year, prizes being offered the same as last year.

MUSIC

Last fall the services of Miss Emma J. Williams of Providence, a graduate of the Boston Conservatory of Music, who also teaches Music in Uxbridge and has classes in the Providence Normal School, were secured for the Douglas schools. Under her direction a new interest has been awakened and work of a very creditable nature is being done. Miss Williams visits the schools every two weeks.

DRAWING.

It is a cause for regret that a special teacher in Drawing has not yet been provided, particularly as nearly all the schools in the Commonwealth now have such. While the teachers are doing the best they can there is not that interest and the same results do not appear as when a special teacher lays out the work and regularly visits the schools. Probably for about \$100 an efficient Drawing Supervisor could be provided on the plan now employed relative to the Music Teacher; and if the means are available, they could hardly be spent to better advantage for the schools.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The very complete report of Mr. Disney concerning the conditions in the High School make lengthy comment here unnecessary. In general it is believed that the work during the past

year has been fully as good as in other more recent years and that conditions are steadily improving. The addition of the Ninth Grade to the elementary course has already had its effect in strengthening the work of the school. The better grading of the rooms below as already recommended would do even more. Better preparation and more practical work are the two great needs of the school, and the lack of these in the past doubtless explains the dwindling and almost entire disappearance of classes between the time of entering the high school and graduating from it. The Ninth Grade and the employment of one more teacher and room for the grade work should abundantly supply the first need, while the introduction of a Commercial Course as recommended by the State authorities is helping to supply the second. The courses as offered this year, together with the number of recitations per week in each, appear below.

HIGH SCHOOL COURSES, 1910—1911.

FIRST YEAR.		THIRD YEAR.	
English Literature and Composition	4	English Literature and Composition	3
English History	1	Chemistry	4
Algebra	4	French, Elementary	4
Elementary Science	3	Latin	4
Physics $\frac{1}{2}$ year		or	
Physiology $\frac{1}{2}$ year		Stenography	4
Latin	4	FOURTH YEAR.	
or		English Literature and Composition	3
Bookkeeping	5	Chemistry	4
SECOND YEAR.		French, Advanced	4
English Literature and Composition	4	Latin	4
English History	1	Review Mathematics	4
Geometry	4	Algebra $\frac{1}{2}$ year	
Elementary Science	3	Geometry	
Astronomy $\frac{1}{2}$ year			
Physical Geography $\frac{1}{2}$ year			
Latin	4		
or			
Stenography	4		

COST OF SCHOOLS.

As there are always some who feel that the schools are costing too much, the following figures taken from the last report of State Board of Education, 1908-1909, may be of interest.

According to that report Douglas ranked number 214 among the 354 towns and cities in the Commonwealth in respect to the amount appropriated for the support of the schools per \$1000 of the valuation. The amount was \$4.78.

The average cost per pupil in the public schools throughout Worcester county that year was \$30.71. The cost per pupil in Douglas was \$25.92. The cost per pupil in Douglas for the year just closed has been \$29.75. The cost per pupil for books and supplies throughout Worcester county was \$1.83. The cost in Douglas was \$1.47. The amount appropriated last March amounted to \$1.26 per pupil, a total of \$400.

An examination of such Douglas School Reports as are available show that nearly \$500 per year was spent for books and supplies until recently, which would be an amount per pupil more nearly the average throughout the county. With our increasing needs due to the adding of the Ninth Grade, the adding of one more year to the length of the High School, and another teacher, with the extra classes which that means, as well as the steadily increasing standards of school work, it is very difficult to properly provide the schools with needed supplies on \$400 per annum.

CONCLUSION.

We do not desire, however, to reflect in any way upon the generosity of the taxpayers, for we believe that in the future as in the past they will make suitable provision for all the reasonable needs of the schools. In their loyalty, in that of the committee, and in that of the teachers, to the best interests of the schools of Douglas, I have full confidence.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN S. COBB,

Superintendent of Schools.

East Douglas, Mass., Feb. 23, 1911.

Table A. Douglas School Statistics, September 1909 to June 1910

SCHOOL	TEACHER	WHERE EDUCATED	Salary per week	Weeks taught	Length of school year	Enrolment								Total membership	Average membership	Average attendance	Per cent. of attendance	Tardinesses	Dismissals	Visitors			
						Under 5 years, Boys	Under 5 years, Girls	5-15 years, Boys	5-15 years, Girls	(Over 15 years, Boys	(Over 15 years, Girls	Total number Boys	Total number Girls								7-14 years, Boys	7-14 years, Girls	
High	{ C. E. Disney, Prin.†, Aimee E. Currier, Asst†	Clark University	\$23.75	40	9-16	0	0	6	11	7	10	13	21	4	4	35	27.25	25.26	92.70	94	17	98	
		Tufts College	12.00	40																			
		Brown University	11.00	36	8-17	0	0	22	13	3	0	25	13	18	13	40	33.84	31.49	93.08	37	67	74	
		Douglas High	11.00	36	8-17	0	0	16	16	0	0	16	16	16	16	33	29.07	27.44	94.40	62	7	127	
		Framingham Nor.	10.50	32	8-17	0	0	27	16	0	0	27	16	27	16	46	38.98	33.25	91.92	109	35	61	
		E. Douglas High	10.50	4																			
		Douglas High	11.00	36	8-16½	0	0	21	23	0	0	21	23	21	21	49	41.93	38.61	92.08	71	51	73	
		"	"	11.00	36	8-18	0	0	21	23	0	0	21	23	16	18	45	40.83	38	93.07	32	16	133
		Fisher's Kinderg.	10.00	36	8-18	1	0	25	35	0	0	26	35	6	3	63	45.09	40.85	90.59	30	0	82	
		Tr'g Sch., Boston	10.00	36	8-18	1	0	19	16	0	0	20	16	13	14	36	26.6	24.33	91.48	101	4	88	
South Douglas	{ Gertrude M. Smith West Douglas, Mollie H. Kelly H. Alma Quintal† Mary C. Silva†	Douglas High	8.00	36	8-17½	0	1	10	11	0	0	10	12	8	9	23	18.10	17.28	94.99	0	2	40	
		Worcester Nor.*	8.00	31	8-17	0	0	6	9	0	0	6	9	5	9	17	14.2	12.40	87.30	31	22	41	
		Hyannis Normal*	10.00	5																			
			404.89	12		2	1	173	173	10	10	185	184	134	123	387	315.89	288.81	91.11	567	221	817	

[†]Successor appointed. See committee's report.

*Not a graduate.

Table B
Rank of the Schools in Attendance and Punctuality, June 1909, to September 1910

ATTENDANCE			PUNCTUALITY		
RANK	SCHOOL	PER CENT.	RANK	SCHOOL	AVERAGE TARDINESS
1	West Douglas.....	94.99	1	West Douglas	0.0
2	East Douglas, Grades V-VI.....	94.40	2	East Douglas, Grade I.....	0.4
3	East Douglas, Grades VII-VIII.....	93.08	3	East Douglas, Grade II.....	0.76
4	East Douglas, Grade II.....	93.07	4	East Douglas, Grade VII-VIII.....	1.09
5	High School.....	92.70	5	East Douglas, Grade VI.....	1.17
6	East Douglas, Grade III.....	92.08	6	East Douglas, Grade III.....	1.49
7	East Douglas, Grades IV-V.....	91.92	7	South Douglas	2.5
8	Douglas Center.....	91.47	8	East Douglas, Grades IV-V.....	3.28
9	East Douglas, Grade I.....	90.59	9	High School	3.45
10	South Douglas	87.30	10	Douglas Center	3.79
	Average	91.11		Average.....	1.79

Report of the HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.

Mr. E. S. Cobb, Superintendent of Schools :

Dear Sir :

This then is my third annual report as Principal of the Douglas High School.

The school as a whole is in a promising condition. Many of the pupils are willing and some are realizing excellent results. But it is time to recognize the fact, which has been most strongly impressed upon us during the past year, that many of the pupils are immature. Some means must be found to raise the entrance age of High School pupils.

The commercial work has been greatly strengthened this year by the presence of a teacher, Miss Gunn, who has been specially trained for such work. Unless such a teacher can be regularly secured, it seems to me inadvisable to attempt more than two years of commercial work.

Our progress in some departments is seriously handicapped by the lack of text-books which are suited to our use. Three chief factors minister to arouse the interest of the child in the school work; namely, the home influence, the teachers' effort, and the text-book.

In the small High School the pupil receives a fair amount of attention from the teacher, but when, as is true with many of our pupils, the home influence fails to stimulate the child, the text-book is of great importance. Money must be provided to complete our outfit and keep it in working order.

Last May the High School Alumni Association raised about eighty dollars and appropriated it for reference books for the High School. As a result of this action the "New International Encyclopedia," in twenty volumes, has been placed on our shelves. This marks the beginning of a school reference library. This magnificent gift appears more worthy of note when we consider that the Alumni Association is less than two years old. The school is justly proud of its Alumni, and, may we add in passing, the Association can aid in creating and maintaining a school of which it may be equally proud.

I regret the fact that it has become necessary for me to leave the school at mid-year and with very brief notice. The people of Douglas have frequently manifested their friendly interest during my residence here, but nothing else has so touched me as the kindly and courteous spirit with which they have received my resignation.

I thank you and the School Board for support, and my fellow teachers for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. E. DISNEY,

Principal of the High School.

East Douglas, Mass., Jan. 27, 1911.

Report of Principal of Evening School

Mr. E. S. Cobb, Superintendent of Schools :

Dear Sir :

The Night School was conducted for a period of twenty nights, about two nights per week from November 2, 1910, to January 17, 1911.

The attendance was very good, all things considered. Nine pupils left the school after attending but one or two nights. Of the other thirty-seven, twelve left before the end of the term and twenty-five continued to the close. The percent of attendance for those who remained was 91.7.

A live interest was maintained throughout the term, and real progress was made by all the pupils.

It will undoubtedly be advisable to reopen the school next fall and at that time provision should be made for pupils who wish to pursue more advanced work in Grammar and Arithmetic. A dozen such pupils could have been secured and held this year, but no time could be found to devote to them.

Without the assistance of Mr. Andrew Caniak the school would have been impossible.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. E. DISNEY, *Principal.*

Report of SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC



Mr. Edwin S. Cobb, Superintendent of Schools :

Dear Sir :

As the work in music under the present supervision has only just begun this report will have to be simply a forecast of the future. Thanks to the faithful and efficient work of Miss Sweet, and the enthusiastic cooperation of the teachers, good results are a certainty. In the spring a musical festival will be given by all the grades, and High School, assisted by soloists and orchestra.

The study of music has become a very important factor in the school curriculum. It is educational as well as aesthetic. With the good material we have in East Douglas and the solid foundation already laid, we expect all that the noble art of music is capable of giving.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA J. WILLIAMS,

Supervisor of Music.

